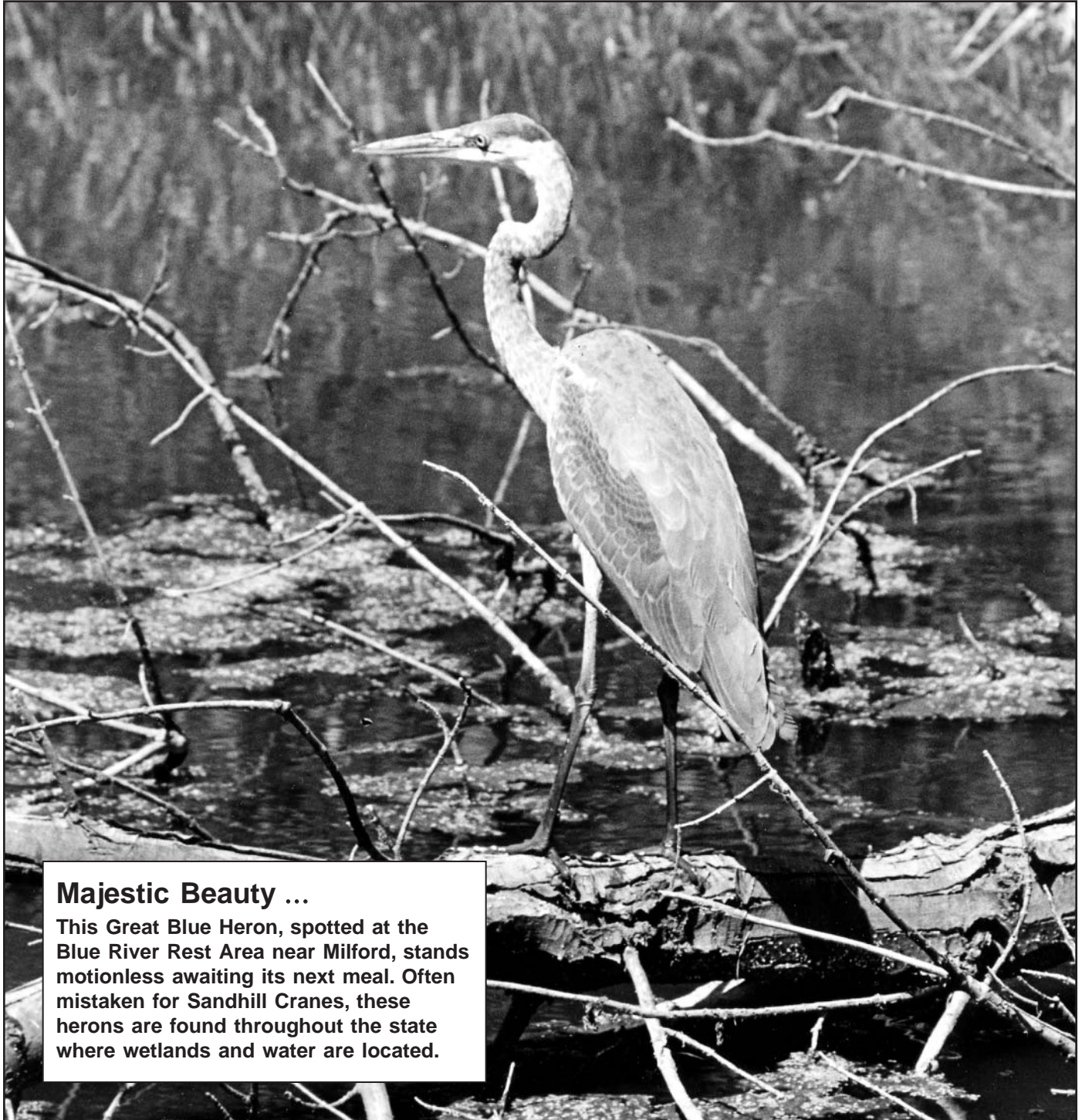


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April/May 2004



Majestic Beauty ...

This Great Blue Heron, spotted at the Blue River Rest Area near Milford, stands motionless awaiting its next meal. Often mistaken for Sandhill Cranes, these herons are found throughout the state where wetlands and water are located.

Photo by Jay Bailey

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My Philosophy on Life

By Steve Maraman
Finance Administrator



Steve Maraman

Every one of us was placed on this earth for a specific purpose. Each of us has the opportunity to make the most of our lives, whether it is contributing to society, place of business, family or church. How successful we are depends on our attitude, altitude, motivational drive and desire to achieve. Success certainly is not about our wealth, even though that is one measure. Success to me is making a positive impact to society, being a significant and meaningful contributor in your profession, serving as a positive role model to your family, a mentor who is respected by others, and one who will be remembered

for what they gave, rather than what they took.

Your character traits speak volumes about you as an individual. We should be people of high integrity, honest, trustworthy, reliable, ethical, and respectful of others. If we display these traits, we will be successful in whatever we do in life.

Everyone has intrinsic value and no matter what occupation you hold, your job is important and you contribute to the success, or failure of your organization. It is each person's responsibility to perform effectively, build good working relationships, produce quality work, and provide good customer service, realizing that everyone is our customer. To do our jobs effectively requires initiative, drive, dedication, desire, education, training, rewards, recognition, and the list goes on and on. It's our responsibility to produce the best work product we possibly can for the taxpayers of Nebraska, and remember, you too are a taxpayer.

Also, if a person comes to a point in their career, hobby, service, or whatever they're doing, where they become non-productive, ineffective, or lose interest; then it's time to step back and evaluate the situation. Adjustments need to be made in their thinking and attitude, or they need to rededicate themselves. Otherwise, it's time to consider other paths to take, or new interests to pursue.

From a holistic approach, to perform at our peak requires a healthy body, mind and spirit. We are responsible for maintaining all aspects of our being. Life has its ups and downs, but we must persevere and overcome those obstacles that get in the way.

If ever you think things are bad, or feel that life is tough, just look around and you won't have to look very far to see that others have far greater handicaps, misfortunes, or life-threatening events to reckon with or overcome.

Don't forget, it is best to be remembered for what we give, rather than what we take. Live with a positive attitude no matter your circumstances, do your best, have fun, enjoy life, and your rewards will be bountiful. ♦

"Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, 'What's in it for me?'"

— Brian Tracy, Motivational Speaker & Author

Governor Signs Proclamation for Work-Zone Safety Awareness Week

National Work-Zone Safety Awareness Week, April 4-10, is an effort to heighten public awareness of work-zone safety for the driver, as well as the highway worker. Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns signed a proclamation designating the week as Nebraska Highway Work-Zone Safety Awareness Week.

The Nebraska Department of Roads and their transportation partners, the United States Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Associated General Contractors of Nebraska are dedicated to enhancing work-zone safety for both the worker and the traveling public. They believe that increased worker training and enhanced awareness on the part of motorists and highway workers will lead to a reduction of fatalities and injuries for both.

On average, there is a work zone for every 50 miles traveled on U.S. roads. More than 1,000 people were killed and more than 40,000 injured nationwide in construction work zones in 2002. Eleven of those deaths were in Nebraska.

The key reason for most work-zone crashes continues to be drivers' failure to pay attention, according to law enforcement officers' reports. Drivers often contribute to construction-zone accidents by speeding, running off the road or crossing into the wrong lane.

More motorists are injured in work-zone crashes than highway workers. Therefore, drivers need to stay alert when driving near highway construction sites any time of the day. Drivers should observe lower speed limits, heed posted warning signs and be alert for variations of the roadway



Pictured with Governor Mike Johanns (center) during the official proclamation-signing ceremony, l to r, Randy Howard, Constructors, Inc., President, Nebraska Chapter AGC; John Snowden, FHWA Transportation Engineer; Terry King, Executive Director, Nebraska Chapter AGC; State Patrol Colonel Tom Nesbitt; NDOR Director John Craig; NDOR Traffic Engineer Randy Peters; and FHWA Division Administrator William Brownell.

in work zones. Drivers and their front seat passengers are urged to wear seat belts at all times. Children up to age six must be secured in a child safety seat, and children ages six to sixteen must be secured with a seat belt. Motorists are also reminded to avoid distractions while driving, including the use of cell phones.

Roads Department and contractors' employees are at risk when working near moving traffic. The Roads Department wants to ensure the safety of its employees, contractors' personnel and motorists with public awareness of the need for extra caution when navigating highway work zones.

It is important to remember that highway work zones are much more than a temporary inconvenience. Work zones are essential to building safer, smoother, improved roads that may ultimately save lives.

Remember: when you're in the driver's seat, you make the difference. Drive safely in work zones. ♦

National Work Zone Awareness Week
April 4-10, 2004

Safety Tips to Live By

- **Stay alert.** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
- **Pay close attention.** Signs and work-zone flaggers save lives.
- **Turn on your headlights.** Workers and other motorists must see you.
- **Don't tailgate.**
- **Don't speed.** Note the posted speed limits in and around the work zone.
- **Keep up with the traffic flow.**
- **Don't change lanes in the work zone.**
- **Minimize distractions.** Avoid changing radio stations and using mobile phones while driving in the work zone.
- **Expect the unexpected.** Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment.
- **Be patient.** Remember the work-zone crew members are working to improve your future ride.

Amber Alerts are New Addition to Nebraska's System

By Jaimie Huber
Operations & Maintenance Section

Have you ever overheard an Amber Alert broadcast, but missed the details? As we all know, when a child's life is in danger and time is of the essence, the more we know—the quicker we can react. That problem has been solved with the addition of a new alert tool on the Nebraska 511 traveler information telephone system. Now, you can dial 511 to hear active Nebraska Amber Alerts. When warranted, the alert system can also disseminate information on major highway incidents.

Both types of messages are made available to 511 callers within minutes

of their being recorded and played before a highway selection can be made. Once the alert message has been delivered, 511 users can proceed to select the highway segment of interest and receive road and weather conditions as usual. In the near future, Kansas will activate its 511 alert system and callers in Nebraska will have the option to listen to alerts posted in Kansas.

Partial funding for development and installation of the 511 alert feature was provided by a federal Amber Alert grant. This was obtained with the assistance of the Nebraska Congressional delegation. The 511 alert system is a partnership project

between the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Nebraska State Patrol.

The 511 alert system can be accessed from landline or cellular telephones. Nebraskans now have the added feature of automatic voice recognition, which can be turned on by pressing the * (Star) key when prompted.

Make 511 a part of your travel toolbox. Avoid travel during inclement weather and always plan ahead by checking all available sources for road and weather information. In winter conditions it is especially important to dress appropriately, keep a survival kit in your vehicle and, as always, buckle your seatbelt. ♦



Notes ...

We don't hear often enough how much the public appreciates our work. This is a sampling of recent comments left on the 511 traveler information system.

- *I just want to say how helpful this was to me. I've never used it before. But I just want to thank you and tell you how great it was.*
- *Thanks so much for the help with this, this is real amazing. Truck drivers really appreciate it...*
- *You guys are doing an excellent job on these road reports. Keep up the good work. Power to you. Thank you.*
- *I really appreciate this service. I'm a trucker and it does help me. I've used this through Nebraska, Iowa, and some of the neighboring states. It's a great thing. Thank you. Keep up the good work.*
- *Thank you for everything you guys have done for the roads. Thank you again.*
- *I just wanted to tell that this is a wonderful service. I travel these roads all the time. I go between Omaha and south central Kansas and this really helps me plan my trip. I appreciate it.*
- *This is an excellent service. Thank you very much for providing it. It will help a lot for travelers. We're thankful for it. So thanks for the good work and keep it up. Bye.*

Conductive Concrete Bridge at Roca is a Research Project

By Amy Starr
Materials & Research Division

A unique bridge located on Highway 77 in Roca is equipped with the technology to prevent ice from forming or melting snow and ice that have already accumulated on the bridge. The system will not be turned on at all times, due to continued research on this technology; therefore, drivers are reminded to use caution when traveling on the bridge during icy or snowy conditions.

The Roca Bridge, constructed in March 2003 by the Nebraska Department of Roads, in cooperation with the University of Nebraska's Chris Tuan, is the first conductive concrete bridge of its kind.

Conductive concrete is a special concrete that contains small steel fibers (about the size of a hairpin) throughout the mix. Only the driving surface of the bridge is constructed with conductive concrete. Wires connected to an energy source are

installed underneath the driving surface. When the system is turned on, electricity flows from the wires, travels through small steel fibers in the concrete, and generates enough heat to melt or prevent snow and ice from forming on the driving surface.

This technology is quickly gaining national and international attention. A television special featuring the Roca Bridge will be aired soon on the Discovery Channel. Keep watching for more details.

Currently, the research team is investigating the most efficient uses for this technology. This evaluation will continue for the next several years. The system will be turned on and off at various times throughout the winter season in order for the research team to learn more about the capabilities of this technology. Drivers are asked to consider this and use caution when traveling on the bridge. ♦

NDOR to Develop Long-Range Plan

By Leona Kolbet
Planning & Project Development Division

In February, the Nebraska Department of Roads launched an important effort to develop a new Long-Range Transportation Plan for the state of Nebraska. The plan will be multimodal and will help all stakeholders understand the long-range opportunities to use transportation efficiently and effectively to strengthen Nebraska's economy and to improve our quality of life. The plan will be easy to understand and will clearly define the roles of NDOR, other state agencies and private interests. It will provide a long-term framework within which NDOR will use its core values of safety, integrity and quality to build Nebraska's future.

NDOR established an Advisory Committee to guide the planning process. The committee represents a broad cross-section of responsibilities within NDOR and held its initial meeting on

February 6th. NDOR contracted with Cambridge Systematics and URS Corporation to assist these efforts. The consultant team has a broad range of experience in assisting other states with long-range plans and will help NDOR use lessons from other places, while assuring that the plan reflects Nebraska's unique circumstances and needs.

A first step, that NDOR is taking in this effort, is to determine the best approach for developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Current federal laws and regulations require statewide transportation planning, but provide the states with substantial flexibility. Each state has the ability to tailor its approach to match its own goals, objectives and needs.

Throughout the month of February, the NDOR staff and the consultant team met with key NDOR personnel and managers, and representatives of the

Department of Economic Development and the Department of Aeronautics. The plan needs to be based on and enhance the long-term effectiveness of NDOR's structure, financial programs, planning activities and practices, performance data, and analysis tools that are relevant to the statewide planning process. Those interviewed want the plan to provide a framework to guide future investments in and management of Nebraska's roads and other transportation resources.

Over the next few months, NDOR staff, the consultant team and the Advisory Committee will work together to outline the plan to include the development of a strategy to effectively reach out to those inside and outside of NDOR. It is important for NDOR to gain the support of internal and external stakeholders as it moves forward to implement its Long-Range Transportation Plan. ♦

Ruxton Named Project Manager of the Year

Robert (Bob) Ruxton was honored by the Nebraska Chapter Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) as Nebraska Department of Roads' Project Manager of the Year. Ruxton received a traveling trophy and a plaque at the Project Manager's Conference in Kearney on March 24.

Ruxton has worked at NDOR for 42 years and has been a project manager at the District 4 construction office in Hastings since 1973. One of his more prominent projects was the Hastings underpass project, which received the concrete pavement award in 1996, in recognition of Ruxton's supervision of high quality concrete pavement.

Other projects supervised by Ruxton that received recognition included the Clay Center North project, which received the 1998 award of merit for smoothest asphaltic concrete pavement, and the pavement project



L to r – John Chicoine, Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises; Bob Ruxton, 2004 Project Manager of the Year; and Randy Howard, Constructors Inc, President, Nebraska Chapter AGC.

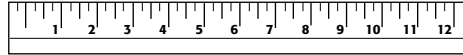
on Burlington in Hastings, which received the 2000 award of merit for concrete pavement construction.

According to District 4 Engineer, Chuck McCann, Ruxton's leadership and communication abilities are outstanding. His knowledge of partnering has proven invaluable in coordinating a team effort. Also, Ruxton has provided encouragement

and opportunities, through projects such as the Hastings underpass project, for his employees to gain valuable experience so they can move up into future project manager positions.

The award is presented annually by the AGC to a NDOR project manager who has upheld the standards of conducting business within the highway construction industry with the highest level of ethics and integrity. The trophy is called the Lyle Leader Memorial Award in tribute to Mr. Leader, who was a project manager at NDOR for 34 years. He was active in the District 3 Hartington office at the time of his death in August 1991 and was highly respected by his peers within the department and by the contractor members of AGC.

All contractor members submitted a nomination for this award and the nominees were voted upon by the members of the AGC. For the year 2004, Ruxton received the high honor. ♦



Performance Measure: “Percentage of Projects Completed Within Days Allowed”

This is the second in a series of articles featuring performance measures of the Nebraska Department of Roads.

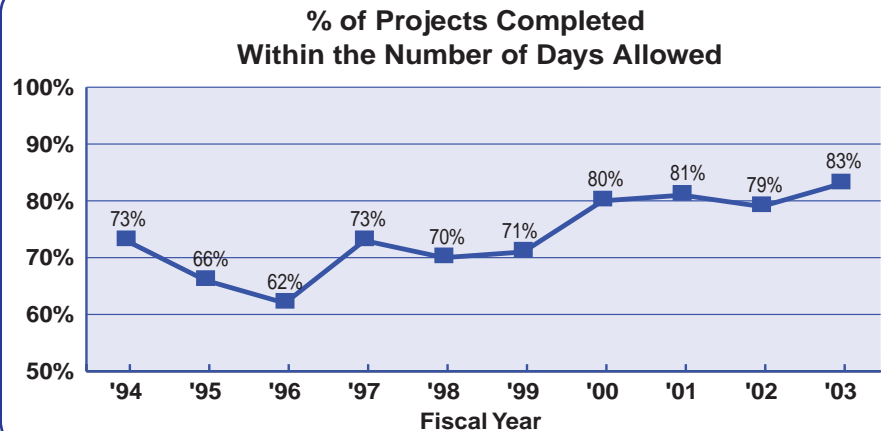
As part of the department’s quality improvement program, a Measurement Organizational Improvement Team was chartered by the 1995 Quality Council. The charter was: “To establish an effective method of measuring progress in attaining the department’s mission, vision and values; which include measuring internal and external customer satisfaction.”

Today, the department has nineteen performance measures categorized into five areas: Safety, Construction Administration, Program Delivery, Systems Management and Quality.

The performance measure identified in the Performance Measures Report as “C3,” measures the ability to accurately estimate the amount of time necessary to complete a construction project (contract time allowance).

According to Claude Oie, state Construction Engineer, the goal was set at 75 percent of fiscal year projects with over 50 workdays completed within the estimated “latest days allowed.” The “latest days allowed” is the number of days allowed in the contract, plus any additional days added to the contract for extra work or for delays caused by someone other than the contractor.

Oie noted that only projects with over 50 workdays were chosen for the performance measure, because contracts for smaller projects are administered with additional time built into the contract in order to give the contractor more flexibility in coordinating his work and the work of subcontractors. Allowing the contractor more flexibility generally results in lower costs for the department.



There are so many variables that must be taken into account in determining the time allowed for a project such as size of the project, type of project, number of utilities, the time of year the project is let, and how sensitive the work is to weather conditions. “As an example,” Oie said, “while you cannot work in the rain, grading may be affected for several days after a rain while parts of bridge building may be able to continue as soon as the rain stops.”

Oie noted, “Many of these same variables, including how the contractor performs, determine whether or not the measurement is met. This is also a measurement of the contractor’s performance as well as a measurement of how well we do. While we think we have a pretty good handle on it, sometimes there are things we miss or some part of the project that may take more time than we thought.”

Despite these variables, Oie said he believes the department is doing a good job. He noted it is important to look at these measurements over a long period of time and not react to yearly cycles. He believes the improvement of 10% ± over the last

10 years is an excellent improvement and that this steady improvement is attributable to more awareness and follow-through on projects.

Oie commended his staff for their part in achieving this goal, particularly Frank Brill and Larry Jobman, who are responsible for determining the amount of time on every contract.

“Frank and Larry review more than 200 projects a year and determine the timeframes for all of them. Some of them may take as little as an hour or some may take as much as a couple of weeks to study, for example, an expressway project where all the phasing has to be checked to make sure everything fits together and determine in a timeframe.”

“I think it’s important to note that not only have we improved the percentage, but our contracts for the most part have gotten a lot larger. These large projects can have many consecutive operations, which makes it more difficult to determine the overall timeframe for a project. For this reason, I think it’s even more exemplary that the people who are responsible for determining those timeframes have done such an outstanding job.” ♦

We Get Letters ...

January 24, 2004

To Whom It May Concern,

Larry Lesuer found my wallet on the side of the road. He not only called the credit card company and notified them, but took time to find my number in Clyde, Kansas!

When he returned my wallet it still had almost \$30 in it and credit cards (unused). I was amazed at his honesty.

He went way above the "call of duty" to be gracious and honest. Anyone should be grateful to employ, or even know, a man who took the time to do something honest in an age of deceit!

Wendolyn Barmenn
Clyde, Kansas

Editor's Note: Larry is a Hwy. Maintenance Worker Sr. at District 4 in Osceola.

February 3, 2004

John Craig,

In 1984 I got my first job with the State. I made the trip from Omaha to Lincoln more than a few times. I do so now as a commuter.

You and your department are doing a truly amazing job on maintaining I-80 from Omaha to Lincoln! It is almost unbelievable! In years past, with much less severe weather, I have dreaded the trip due to the snow-packed and icy conditions. I expected the conditions to be similar or worse after the last few record storms. On the contrary! Conditions have been fantastic and safe!

Again, **job well done.**

John Hilgert
Director, Dept. of Veterans' Affairs

Editor's Note: Kudos to District 1 Engineer Rich Ruby, District 2 Engineer Tim Weander, and their maintenance forces for doing a great job under challenging circumstances.

February 3, 2004

Rich Ruby,

I would like to take a minute to say thank you for all the hard work with the recent snowstorms. I live near St. Mary, Nebraska, and travel to Lincoln to work. The roads this morning were in excellent condition. I want to thank all of the plowing and sanding crews for their efforts. I travel Highways 41, 43 and 2. Monday morning coming to work prior to six, conditions were down to one lane most of the way. But this morning the roads were great. I know you and your crews have been putting in some long days in an effort to make the roads better. I see this morning that snow has been pushed back even off the shoulder. This is going above and beyond. I hope we can miss some of the future storms they are talking about and Spring comes soon.

Tim Lucas

Editor's Note: Great work, District 1 maintenance crews.

January 28, 2004

Dale Butler,

Just a big thank you even if you are not the person to be sending this to. The removal of the snow from the highways was amazing. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard and long to provide safe roads for all of us to travel.

Dr. Bill Lambrecht
Nebraska Methodist College
Omaha, Nebraska

Editor's Note: Job well done, District 2 maintenance crews.

The Department of Roads receives numerous complimentary letters. The letters printed here are representative of those often sent praising the many fine and deserving employees of the Department of Roads.



Service Awards

Congratulations to these dedicated individuals for their work and continued service with the Department of Roads. They celebrate their service dates in *April* and *May*.

50 Years

Irene Regelean, Right-of-Way

40 Years

John Brown, District 4
Eldon Poppe, Roadway Design
Mons Thompson, District 4
Gaylen Bratka, District 2
Lawrence Wilson, District 5

30 Years

Walter Hively, District 3
Randal Keith, District 6
Dale Lange, District 3
Paul Moore, District 8
Charles Miller, District 5
Diane Love, District 2
Gregory Kreifel, District 1
Thomas Anderson, District 4

20 Years

Ronald Dewispelare, Logistics
Wesley Nelson, Logistics
Cynthia Veskrna, Information Systems
Vern Stephens, District 1
Andrew Stander, District 1
Dan Smith, District 3
Craig Poole, District 4
Mostafa Jamshidi, Materials & Research
Janice Hueske, Right-of-Way
Charles Nickolite, District 3
Claudette Wagner, Materials & Research
Lynn Otto, District 7
Timothy Otto, Roadway Design
Anthony Kabat, Logistics

10 Years

Patrick Douglass, Traffic Engineering
Elmer Drewel, Logistics
Venkatesh Hadli, Information Systems
James Hansen, District 4
Janice Hoss, District 7
Kim Jimenez, District 6
Quinten Jordan, Right-of-Way
Curtis Muetting, District 3
Judy Schoenfeldt, District 3
Lisa Sudbeck, District 3

Paving Awards Presentations

Several project managers were honored with awards for both concrete and asphalt pavements at the annual Project Managers Conference held March 24-25 in Kearney. The awards recognized their work on Nebraska highways and municipal streets during 2003.

The Nebraska Department of Roads presented awards for outstanding asphalt pavement smoothness. Awards of excellence for highway construction projects using concrete pavement were presented by the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Nebraska Concrete Paving Association.

Concrete Pavement Quality Awards

Two winners were recognized for excellence in Interstate and Expressway concrete pavement. The first award was presented to Project Manager Rick Fisher of District 2 at Omaha for the six-lane rehabilitation strategy involving a 1.5-mile section of Interstate 80, 126th Street to Highway 50 at Omaha. Hawkins Construction Company was the contractor. Scott Tyrrell of Roadway Design Division coordinated the project

design. Certificates of Merit were presented to lay down inspectors John Sidzyik, Bob Hogue and Kevin Osborn.

District 1 Project Managers Rodger Preble and Dewaine Knutson of Nebraska City, and Dobson Brothers Construction Company of Lincoln were presented the second award for Nebraska City South, the 4.3-mile section of Highway 75. John Baker of Roadway Design Division coordinated the project design. Certificates of Merit were presented to lay down inspectors Mike Fitl and Ed Burton; surveyors Bill Sabata and Craig Branch; and plant inspector Ann Hamling.

Project Manager Toby Thomsen of District 6 at North Platte, received the award in the Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation category for Brady East, a 7.3 mile rehabilitation project on I-80. Diamond Surface Inc., was the contractor and Jag Construction was the subcontractor. Coordination of the project design was a group effort by the Pavement Design Section of the Materials and Research Division. Certificates of Merit were presented to Paul Gibbs, lead inspector; Mike McIntosh, inspector of patching and

ROW Employees Honored for



ted in Kearney

dowel bar retrofit; Josh Willard, inspector of dowel bar retrofit and diamond grinding; and Linda Masek, who laid out the initial patch areas and provided technical support.

Honored in the Secondary State Highways and County Roads category was Project Manager Dennis White of District 6 at Broken Bow and Upper Plains Contracting, Inc. of Aberdeen, South Dakota, for Berwyn-Ansley, a seven-mile section of Highway 2. Rich Geschwender coordinated the project design for the Roadway Design Division. Certificates of Merit were presented to Jim Scholtes, lay down inspector; Carl Hart, plant inspection and surveyor; and Bill Allen, for assisting with lay down inspection and surveying.

Pavement smoothness, quality control, innovation and complexity of the project were considered in determining these awards.

Asphalt Smoothness Awards

Changes made to NDOR's smoothness evaluation criteria created a need to separate the 2003 Asphalt Smoothness Award candidates into two categories. These categories reflect

the older 0.2-inch blanking-band criteria and the new 0.1-inch blanking-band criteria. This tightening of the blanking-band criteria means that bumps in the pavement that are 0.1 inches and taller are evaluated, whereas the older criteria evaluated all bumps that were 0.2 inches and taller.

The 2003 Asphalt Smoothness Award of Merit for the smoothest individual project using the 0.1-inch blanking band went to Project Manager Harlan Sawyer of the District 6 North Platte office and Western Engineering of Harlan, Iowa, for Maxwell West, the 7.2-mile section of Highway 30.

Certificates of Merit were presented to Roy Leach, lead inspector; Chris Hasnauer, lay down inspector; and Kathy Fread, milling inspector.

The smoothest individual project using the 0.2-inch blanking band went to Project Manager Lyle Kohmetscher of District 4 at Hastings and Werner Construction Company, Inc. of Hastings for Geneva-Fairmont, a 3.6-mile section of Highway 81. Tony Lambert, lay down and plant inspector, was presented a Certificate of Merit. ♦

District Construction Safety Awards

The 2003 District Construction "Safe Worker" and "Safe Driver" Awards were presented at the NDOR Project Manager's Conference in Kearney on March 24. Accepting the awards on behalf of their respective districts: District 1 Construction Engineer Mike Sklenar; District 5 Engineer Craig Lind; District 6 Construction Engineer Gary Thayer and District 7 Construction Engineer Kurt Vosburg.

District 6 received both the "Safe Worker" and "Safe Driver" Awards for construction employees. District 6 had no preventable vehicle accidents and no lost time injury accidents involving district construction employees. Districts 1, 5 and 7 received the "Safe Worker" Award with all three districts having no lost time injury accidents involving district construction employees in the year 2003.

Outstanding Customer Service



On November 3, 2003, NDOR Director John Craig and Deputy Director Monty Fredrickson presented Right-of-Way Division employees with a plaque in appreciation of outstanding customer service to the citizens of the State of Nebraska. Randy Needham, Right-of-Way Division Manager, received the plaque on behalf of employees.

***Pictured, front row (l to r):** Monty Fredrickson, Randy Needham, John Craig. **Second row:** Eileen O'Keefe, Jan Kollars, Don Schulz, Gary Britton, Dan Foreman, Dick Billesbach, Daryl Behrends, Tim Lentz, Jean Wattier, Doris Thiel, Marj Bevan, John Rownd. **Third row:** Jesse Bartels, Mark Lorenz, Kurt Svoboda, James Stromer, Mike Hazledine, Roger Ripley, Marty Kuper, Jan Berryman, Louise Bettenhausen, George Howard. **Fourth row:** Bob Cahill, Ron Kramer, Bob Frickel, Julie Westergren, Irene Regelean, Mike Tinius, Kandice Nesbitt, Jeannie Hamilton, Paul Fintell. **Back row:** Jeff Timm, Greg Heinzmann, Dave Holland, Todd Wicken, Dave Ellis, Jeff Walter, Jim Hunter, Frank Blankenau, Mark Beethe, Jim Hartzel.*

Job Directory

NDOR Highway Improvement Projects Currently Under Contract as of 3/12/04

Location Work Description Prime Contractor			
Key: Aggregate - Agg Bituminous - Bit Bridge - Br Building - Bldg Concrete Pavement - ConPav Culverts - Culv Electrical - Elec Grading - Gr Guardrail - Gdrl Seeding - Seed	Humboldt Northwest Bridge L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc. Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131 \$384,584.97	Nebraska City West Bridge Herbst Construction, Inc. Manning, Ryan (402)421-1717 \$234,232.78	Seward Northwest Bridge Elk Horn Construction Co. Traudt, Bob (402)471-0850 \$577,324.62
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	Palmyra Maintenance Facility Palmyra Maintenance Facility Rogge General Contractors, Inc. Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131 \$1,362,000.00	Julian North & South Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Elec Dobson Bros. Construction Co. & Affiliates Mueller, Gerald (402)335-4131 \$12,645,541.65	Swanton Spur Gr, Br, Gdrl, Bit Werner Construction, Inc. Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489 \$1,069,468.87
	Lorton Southeast Gr, Culv Commercial Contractors Equipment, Inc. Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131 \$301,563.45	Hickman North Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit Pavers Companies Murrillo, Ernest (402)471-0850 \$1,329,000.01	Plymouth West Gr, Agg, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit Werner Construction, Inc. Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489 \$2,195,867.38
	In Peru Culvert TCW Construction, Inc. Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131 \$313,731.31	Friend - Milford Bituminous Werner Construction, Inc. Niazi, Babrak (402)471-0850 \$1,351,028.45	Wymore North & South Bridges Gr, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit Herbst Construction, Inc. Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489 \$2,148,561.59
	Cornhusker Hwy. Interchange Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign Constructors, Inc. Holak, Hugh (402)471-0850 \$11,870,599.65	Abie - N-15 Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit Constructors, Inc. Niazi, Babrak (402)471-0850 \$2,294,861.05	Lincoln Surveyors Building Lincoln Surveyors Building Rogge General Contractors, Inc. Wood, Glenda (402)479-4498 \$658,029.00
	Oak Creek Bridges Gr, ConPav, Br Capital Contractors, Inc. Holak, Hugh (402)471-0850 \$2,718,850.13	Milford East Gr, Br, Gdrl A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc. Niazi, Babrak (402)471-0850 \$655,054.08	District 2 West Dodge Bridge Over I-680 Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Fnc, Elec, Sign Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co. Baehr, Dennis (402)595-2534 \$15,694,829.63
	I-80 Over Cornhusker Hwy & BNSF Railroad Gr, ConPav, Br Capital Contractors, Inc. Holak, Hugh (402)471-0850 \$3,871,249.32	Crete - Dorchester Gr, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Bit Constructors, Inc. Preble, Rodger (402)471-0850 \$3,724,708.35	174th St. - 198th St., Omaha Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co. Baratta, Joseph (402)595-2534 \$15,703,247.66
	Greenwood North Bituminous Pavers Companies Knutson, Dewaine (402)471-0850 \$1,438,700.00	Palmyra - Unadilla Landscaping D.F. Lanoha Landscape Nursery, Inc. Preble, Rodger (402)471-0850 \$107,400.00	Blair - Kennard Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit Luxa Construction Co., Inc. Brown, Darin G (402)727-3292 \$4,244,619.96
	Wilber - Crete Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit Dobson Bros. Construction Co. & Affiliates Kuper, Melvin (402)729-3489 \$4,440,125.55	Ceresco - Wahoo Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec Dobson Bros. Construction Co. & Affiliates Sanburn, Bob (402)471-0850 \$13,765,215.42	Maple St. - Fort St., Omaha Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co. Farivari, Mo (402)595-2534 \$15,416,759.67
	Nebraska City Northwest Gr, Br, Gdrl L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc. Lane, Chris (402)483-5466 \$415,480.48	Union West Specialty Monarch Oil, Inc. Sidiqi, Abdul (402)471-0850 \$125,058.12	Bridge Over I-680 @ Sprague St. Gr, Br Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co. Farivari, Mo (402)595-2534 \$1,094,339.95
	Fairbury Northwest Bridge A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc. Lane, Chris (402)483-5466 \$646,289.05	County Road @ N-63 Gr, Culv, Bit Dobson Bros. Construction Co. & Affiliates Sidiqi, Abdul (402)471-0850 \$193,899.53	N-370 to N-50 Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign Hawkins Construction Co. Fisher, Rick (402)595-2534 \$18,862,392.57
	Friend South Culverts TCW Construction, Inc. Lane, Chris (402)483-5466 \$93,523.69	Prague South Br, Gdrl Constructors, Inc. Traudt, Bob (402)471-0850 \$56,781.16	N-370 to Ruff Rd. Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign Hawkins Construction Co. Fisher, Rick (402)595-2534 \$39,143,149.79
	Pawnee City Southwest Bridge L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc. Manning, Ryan (402)421-1717 \$340,195.65	Dwight Southwest Bridge Dixon Construction Co. Traudt, Bob (402)471-0850 \$256,464.55	

Automated Work Zone System
Specialty
Watts Electric Co.
Fisher, Rick (402)595-2534
\$466,115.00

Springfield North & South
Specialty
Micheels Construction Co.
Gjersvik, John (402)595-2534
\$33,436.20

Murray West
Specialty
Micheels Construction Co.
Gjersvik, John (402)595-2534
\$185,542.68

Schramm Park East
Specialty
Monarch Oil, Inc.
Gjersvik, John (402)595-2534
\$202,061.11

St Mary's Ave., Omaha
Electrical
Commonwealth Electric Co.
of the Midwest
Gjersvik, John (402)595-2534
\$118,583.80

US-75 & Sorenson Parkway
Electrical
Commonwealth Electric Co.
of the Midwest
Gjersvik, John (402)595-2534
\$10,913.58

108 St., Burt-W. Maple Rd., Omaha
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co.
Glow, Tom (402)444-5279
\$3,040,849.70

Rogers - Fremont
Bituminous
Constructors, Inc.
Jacobs, Micky (402)727-3292
\$2,559,032.33

Elkhorn South
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Elec
WBE Company, Inc.
Khalaf, Zahi (402)595-2534
\$2,407,088.79

Springfield North
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br, Gdrl
MCC, Llc
Khalaf, Zahi (402)595-2534
\$899,718.76

Fort Calhoun Southeast
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Krajewski, Matt (402)255-3820
\$1,986,671.00

Papillion West
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br, Gdrl
WBE Company, Inc.
Peterson, Roger (402)255-3831
\$3,299,003.92

In Blair
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Fence, Elec
Luxa Construction Co., Inc.
Trujillo, Ray (402)727-3292
\$6,183,447.41

I-680 to N-36, Omaha
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed,
Br, Gdrl, Elec
Hawkins Construction Co.
Veverka, Frank (402)727-3292
\$12,915,674.88

Waterloo Southeast
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed,
Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign
Hawkins Construction Co.
Weander, Marty (402)595-2534
\$20,452,885.99

198th St. - Skyline Dr., Omaha
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed,
Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign
Hawkins Construction Co.
Weander, Marty (402)595-2534
\$18,371,814.38

Boyer Chute Nat'l. Wildlife Refuge
Gr, Bit
U.S. Asphalt Co.
Wilson, Bill (402)595-2534
\$475,368.80

Fort Atkinson State Park
Bituminous
U.S. Asphalt Co.
Wilson, Bill (402)595-2534
\$96,573.92

W. Dodge Rd. 132nd St. - 120th St.
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec, Sign
Hawkins Construction Co.
Zelensky, Rich (402)595-2534
\$5,021,822.65

District 3

Columbus North
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br
A & R Construction Co.
Anderson, Dave (308)385-6889
\$997,583.62

Schuyler North
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Anderson, David (402)564-5751
\$2,279,705.64

Schuyler East & West
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br,
Gdrl, Elec, Sign
Dobson Bros. Construction Co.
& Affiliates
Anderson, David (402)564-5751
\$19,184,951.80

Verdigre Southwest
Gr, Br, Gdrl
Graves Construction Co., Inc.
Becker, Roger (402)254-6552
\$389,922.29

Ewing - Clearwater
Gdrl, Bit
Constructors, Inc.
Becker, Roger (402)254-6552
\$1,186,090.62

Coleridge - Hartington
Bituminous
Monarch Oil, Inc.
Becker, Roger (402)254-6552
\$249,279.75

Brunswick North
Culvert
A & R Construction Co.
Becker, Roger (402)254-6552
\$105,375.45

US-20 to N-59
Gr, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Bit
Dobson Bros. Construction Co.
& Affiliates
Becker, Roger (402)254-6552
\$1,647,544.98

Dixon Northeast
Bridge
Graves Construction Co., Inc.
Brummond, Scott (402)375-7071
\$618,260.30

Wisner - West Point
Bituminous
Constructors, Inc.
Brummond, Scott (402)375-7071
\$1,333,187.19

Waterbury West
Bridge
Dixon Construction Co.
Brummond, Scott (402)375-7071
\$297,071.60

Wayne Northwest
Bridge
Elk Horn Construction Co.
Brummond, Scott (402)375-7071
\$446,350.60

Orchard East & West
Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit
Dobson Bros. Construction Co.
& Affiliates
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051
\$3,498,473.27

N-13 to South Jct. N-98
Bituminous
Brower Construction Co.
Davis, Rob (402)370-3474
\$1,053,952.07

Norfolk East
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Elec
Dobson Bros. Construction Co.
Davis, Rob (402)370-3474
\$18,274,985.53

Madison East
Gr, Seed, Gdrl, Bit
Knight Asphalt, Inc.
Davis, Rob (402)370-3474
\$1,046,744.46

In Stanton
Bituminous
Knight Asphalt, Inc.
Davis, Rob (402)370-3474
\$118,426.48

Ponca Spur
Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit
Brower Construction Co.
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$467,100.83

Wakefield North & South
Gr, Culv, Gdrl, Bit
Brower Construction Co.
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$1,020,089.76

Jct N-116 to East Jct N-9
Bituminous
Brower Construction Co.
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$701,316.58

Dixon North & South
Bituminous
Brower Construction Co.
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$907,397.45

Concord Spur
Bituminous
Brower Construction Co.
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$389,224.53

Wayne East
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Brower Construction Co.
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071
\$4,418,941.08

Verdigre Northwest
Gr, Br, Gdrl
Herbst Construction, Inc.
Lane, Chris (402)483-5466
\$382,367.55

Wayne Northeast
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl
A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.
Mainelli, Mark (402)421-1717
\$849,748.41

Newman Grove Northwest
Gr, Br, Gdrl
Herbst Construction, Inc.
Manning, Ryan (402)421-1717
\$400,312.93

Pender South
Gr, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Mueting, Curt (402)370-3474
\$1,723,825.71

Pilger South
Bridge
Elk Horn Construction Co.
Mueting, Curt (402)370-3474
\$69,897.50

Norfolk North
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed,
Br, Gdrl, Elec
Dobson Bros. Constr. Co.
& Affiliates
Mueting, Curt (402)370-3474
\$8,592,417.11

Petersburg Southwest
Bridge
The Diamond Engineering Co.
Rathjen, Scott (402)362-7117
\$272,487.70

Albion Southeast
Bridge
A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.
Rathjen, Scott (402)362-7117
\$300,406.20

West Point - Oakland
Bituminous
Henningsen Const., Inc.
Schulz, Ron (402)370-3474
\$1,689,068.35

West Point - Oakland
Gr, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Henningsen Const., Inc.
Schulz, Ron (402)370-3474
\$2,281,497.19

Winside North
Br, Gdrl, Bit
Brower Construction Co.
Schulz, Ron (402)370-3474
\$823,556.68

BNSE, Oakland
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Luxa Construction Co., Inc.
Schulz, Ron (402)370-3474
\$1,548,274.90

District 3 - Districtwide
Specialty
Vogel Traffic Services, Inc.
Schulz, Ron (402)370-3474
\$276,554.78

Silver Creek - Duncan
Bituminous
Constructors, Inc.
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751
\$1,076,024.75

Columbus South
Bridge
Dixon Construction Co.
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751
\$990,505.49

West Point Southwest
Bridge
Herbst Construction, Inc.
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751
\$461,719.45

Tarnov South
Landscaping
Gross Seed Company, Inc.
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751
\$88,824.11

5th St. - 8th St., Columbus
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
Paulsen, Inc.
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751
\$1,371,729.60

Columbus - Madison
Specialty
American Civil Constructors, Inc.
& Subsidiary
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751
\$2,855,228.68

Hartington North
Culverts
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$141,700.05

Humphrey - Madison
Specialty
Sta-Bilt Construction Co.
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$555,746.66

Belden - Laurel
Specialty
Sta-Bilt Construction Co.
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$836,405.56

US-77/S. Ridge Dr., So. Sioux City
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
Gill Construction, Inc.
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$479,296.81

Decatur South
Specialty
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp.
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552
\$11,628.00

District 4

Grafton Northeast
Bridge
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934
\$393,858.75

Nebraska/Kansas Line North
Specialty
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934
\$2,889,190.53

I-80 Waco Interchange
Bridge
Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises, Inc.
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934
\$39,802.90

Milligan West
Specialty
Monarch Oil, Inc.
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934
\$279,377.72

York North And South
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec
Dobson Bros. Construction Co. & Affiliates
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934
\$18,182,230.53

Kearney North
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed,
Br, Gdrl, Elec
Werner Construction, Inc.
Farber, Tom (308)865-5434
\$5,884,195.46

Elm Creek - Miller
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Farber, Tom (308)865-5434
\$2,441,543.78

Jct. US-30 & N-10/N-44, In Kearney
Electrical
Dominion Construction Co.
Farber, Tom (308)865-5434
\$67,248.45

Fullerton South
Gr, Br, Gdrl, Bit
The Diamond Engineering Co.
Gripenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888
\$1,067,266.84

Hall/Merrick Co. Line - Chapman
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Gripenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888
\$1,530,574.15

N-2 Over I-80
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br, Gdrl
Capital Contractors, Inc.
Gripenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888
\$1,487,344.88

I-80/US-34/281 Interchange
Landscaping
Gross Seed Company, Inc.
Gripenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888
\$36,364.20

Merrick Co. Line West
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Elec
Dobson Bros. Construction Co.
& Affiliates
Gripenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888
\$5,123,897.10

Geneva North & South
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec
Werner Construction, Inc.
Kohmetscher, Lyle (402)462-1996
\$16,859,071.23

Silver Creek South
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Kwiatkowski, Rick (308)754-5411
\$2,846,433.54

Pleasanton - Hazard
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Kwiatkowski, Rick (308)754-5411
\$456,067.86

Fullerton North
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Kwiatkowski, Rick (308)754-5411
\$2,812,084.50

Greeley East
Specialty
Monarch Oil, Inc.
Kwiatkowski, Rick (308)754-5411
\$367,492.29

Elba Northwest
Bridge
Perrett Construction, Ltd.
Kwiatkowski, Rick (308)754-5411
\$348,778.25

Ruskin Southwest
Gr, Br, Gdrl
The Diamond Engineering Co.
Meyer, Steve (402)462-1996
\$352,577.59

Deshler South
Bridge
The Diamond Engineering Co.
Meyer, Steve (402)462-1996
\$366,522.19

Lawrence East
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Meyer, Steve (402)462-1996
\$5,644,665.62

Red Cloud East
Specialty
Sta-Bilt Construction Co.
Meyer, Steve (402)462-1996
\$292,721.76

In Dannebrog
Bridge
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.
Raddatz, Bruce (308)995-6677
\$407,600.55

Elba Northwest
Gr, Br, Gdrl
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.
Raddatz, Bruce (308)995-6677
\$305,860.50

Kenesaw Southeast
Gr, Culv, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Ruxton, Bob (402)462-1996
\$272,819.51

Strang North & South
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Elec
Werner Construction, Inc.
Ruxton, Bob (402)462-1996
\$8,708,874.79

Kearney - Minden
Specialty
American Civil Constructors, Inc.
& Subsidiary
Ruxton, Bob (402)462-1996
\$1,410,132.78

Fullerton Maintenance Shop
& Office Facility
Fullerton Vehicle Maintenance Shop
& Office Facility
Crafts, Inc.
Sander, Gary (308)385-6265
\$461,883.00

Alexandria North
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489
\$927,354.42

Hebron - Gilead
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489
\$1,243,951.56

Prosser North
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Bit
The Diamond Engineering Co.
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888
\$613,457.24

Grand Island South
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Br,
Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign
Werner Construction, Inc.
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888
\$9,800,324.79

Clarks South Bridges
Gr, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Hawkins Construction Co.
Woodgate, Gerald (308)385-6888
\$3,468,746.45

Phillips & Giltner Spurs
Gr, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Woodgate, Gerald (308)385-6888
\$1,071,711.64

In Scotia
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
Werner Construction, Inc.
Woodgate, Gerald (308)385-6888
\$1,832,596.16

Wolbach West
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.
Woodgate, Gerald (308)385-6888
\$2,308,111.47

E. Jct. US-6 to Aurora Interchange
Specialty
Monarch Oil, Inc.
Woodgate, Gerald (308)385-6888
\$311,822.10

District 5

Scottsbluff - Gering Bypass
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br
Ames Construction, Inc.
Applegate, Joe (308)632-1429
\$17,270,595.51

Harrison South
Gr, Culv, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$3,055,939.86

Harrison Salt Storage Facility
Harrison Salt Storage Facility
Paul Reed Constr. & Supply, Inc.
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$57,880.00

Chadron North
Specialty
Topkote, Inc.
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$167,109.00

Harrison Maintenance Facility
Harrison Maintenance Facility
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$445,000.00

Crawford West
Bituminous
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$2,298,422.57

US-385 East
Bituminous
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$1,296,774.34

Hay Springs South
Bituminous
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144
\$862,874.99

In Bridgeport
Bituminous
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Custer, Dennis (308)262-1929
\$730,732.26

Bridgeport North
Bituminous
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Custer, Dennis (308)262-1929
\$999,423.81

Lodgepole to US-138 Viaduct
Bridge
Reiman Corp.
Custer, Dennis (308)262-1929
\$139,377.36

Statewide Dms
Gdrl, Sign
Watts Electric Co.
Custer, Dennis (308)262-1929
\$779,314.73

Oshkosh - So. Platte River
Culv, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Custer, Dennis (308)262-1929
\$3,948,872.26

Scottsbluff - Minatare
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Seed, Elec
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Fast, Dean (308)632-1429
\$8,552,774.73

Bushnell - Kimball
Bridge
Reiman Corp.
Fast, Dean (308)632-1429
\$502,657.60

Scottsbluff North
Bituminous
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Fast, Dean (308)632-1429
\$922,893.91

Jct. L17E/US-30 in Sunol
Gr, Culv, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Frickey, Russ (308)262-1929
\$265,133.90

Sidney - Lodgepole
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Frickey, Russ (308)262-1929
\$3,337,580.24

In Alliance
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Frickey, Russ (308)262-1929
\$1,957,596.79

Morrill West
Gr, Culv, Bit
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Gardner, Jerrold (308)632-1429
\$855,432.50

Box Butte/Sioux Line West
Bituminous
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Gardner, Jerrold (308)632-1429
\$2,057,529.01

Marsland North
Gr, Culv, Bit
Perrett Construction, Ltd.
Gardner, Jerrold (308)632-1429
\$4,347,919.63

Harrison Northeast
Bridge
Perrett Construction, Ltd.
Rigg, Ryan (307)637-6017
\$448,691.06

Lodgepole Interchange
Electrical
Watts Electric Co.
Smith, Don (308)262-1929
\$116,057.75

N-138 Interchange
Electrical
Watts Electric Co.
Smith, Don (308)262-1929
\$163,254.80

Bushnell - West Kimball
Bituminous
Highway Improvement, Inc.
Smith, Don (308)262-1929
\$128,332.54

Big Springs - Brule
Bituminous
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Brinker, Gary (308)535-8033
\$3,160,488.26

District 6

Gothenburg Southwest
Bridge
Capital Contractors, Inc.
Halstead, Kerri (308)535-8031
\$455,554.80

Ringgold North
Bituminous
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries
Halstead, Kerri (308)535-8031
\$800,867.33

Big Springs South
Gr, ConPav, Br, Gdrl, Elec
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033
\$1,272,970.23

Ogallala West
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Elec
Paulsen, Inc.
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033
\$2,337,388.51

In Maxwell
Specialty
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.
Sawyer, Harlan (308)535-8033
\$73,620.21

Ogallala South
Specialty
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.
Sawyer, Harlan (308)535-8033
\$443,658.85

Big Springs - Brule
Specialty
Kirk Barnes Construction, Inc.
Sawyer, Harlan (308)535-8033
\$390,965.50

In Big Springs
Specialty
Kirk Barnes Construction, Inc.
Sawyer, Harlan (308)535-8033
\$101,224.45

Wallace North
Gr, Culv, Bit
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$3,599,896.94

Brady East
ConPav
Diamond Surface, Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$1,889,966.54

Cozad - Darr
ConPav
Diamond Surface, Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$1,903,226.79

Maint. Facility @ North Platte
Bldg. Construction
Interstate Structures, Inc.
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033
\$285,000.00

Broken Bow - Berwyn
Specialty
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.
White, Dennis (308)872-6735
\$132,209.19

In Gothenburg
Specialty
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.
White, Dennis (308)872-6735
\$400,629.01

In Arnold
Specialty
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.
White, Dennis (308)872-6735
\$10,557.50

Halsey East
Gr, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
White, Dennis (308)872-6735
\$2,648,120.76

Oconto North
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
White, Dennis (308)872-6735
\$9,181,360.56

District 7

Elwood Southwest
Culv
Cement Products, Inc.
Collins, Duane (308)345-8490
\$79,522.97

Lincoln Co. Line South
Bituminous
Paulsen, Inc.
Collins, Duane (308)345-8490
\$1,371,360.43

Orafino to US-283 Bridges
Gr, Agg, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl
Adams Construction Co. &
Adams Land Improvement, Inc.
Collins, Duane (308)345-8490
\$2,507,145.68

District 7 - Districtwide
Specialty
Vogel Traffic Services, Inc.
Collins, Duane (308)345-8490
\$773,040.01

Curtis - Orafino
Specialty
Dustrol, Inc.
Doyle, Kelly (308)345-8490
\$990,064.77

W. 4th St. - E. 7th St., McCook
Gr, ConPav, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec
Paulsen, Inc.
Doyle, Kelly (308)345-8490
\$3,189,394.06

Max - Stratton
Gdrl, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Doyle, Kelly (308)345-8490
\$2,816,154.25

McCook - Cambridge
Specialty
Highway Improvement, Inc.
Doyle, Kelly (308)345-8490
\$158,609.76

Fort Kearney Link
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Kuhn, Kenton (308)995-5397
\$470,326.57

District 7 - Districtwide
Bituminous
Musselman & Hall Contractors, LLC
Kuhn, Kenton (308)995-5397
\$86,689.05

Alma South
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Quinn, Jerry (308)995-5397
\$573,138.39

Alma - Republican City
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Quinn, Jerry (308)995-5397
\$8,976,048.42

Naponee Spur Bridge
Gr, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Sell, Tim (308)995-5397
\$701,964.20

Orleans East
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Sell, Tim (308)995-5397
\$4,813,919.34

Holbrook - Arapahoe
Specialty
Sta-Bilt Construction Co.
Sell, Tim (308)995-5397
\$262,565.18

Culbertson South
Bituminous
Paulsen, Inc.
Ziebell, Roger (308)345-8490
\$1,213,036.51

US-6 North
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Paulsen, Inc.
Ziebell, Roger (308)345-8490
\$2,255,565.09

District 8

Niobrara River North & South
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051
\$6,153,291.28

Spencer South
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051
\$418,422.16

Bristow East & West
Bituminous
Werner Construction, Inc.
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051
\$674,381.15

Spencer Northwest
Gd, Br, Gdrl
Graves Construction Co., Inc.
Fluckey, Dustin (402)483-5466
\$474,950.50

Niobrara River Bridge N. & S.
Bituminous
Monarch Oil, Inc.
Gustafson, Jay (402)376-1352
\$192,265.38

Valentine East
Fence
Gross Seed Company, Inc.
Gustafson, Jay (402)376-1352
\$11,883.60

Butte - Spencer
Bituminous
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Rau, Larry (402)387-2471
\$1,738,106.12

District 8 - Districtwide
Specialty
Vogel Traffic Services, Inc.
Rau, Larry (402)387-2471
\$543,756.76

District 8 - Districtwide
Gdrl
Midwest Fence Company -
Guardrail Systems, Inc.
Rudnick, Michael (402)387-2471
\$42,840.00

Burwell North
Specialty
Monarch Oil, Inc.
Rudnick, Michael (402)387-2471
\$262,381.98

Chambers Northwest
Gr, Br, Gdrl
A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.
Smith, Lloyd (402)376-2691
\$431,778.07

Stuart North
Bridge
Christensen Bros., Inc.
Smith, Lloyd (402)376-2691
\$686,849.40

O'Neill North
Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit
Werner Construction, Inc.
Ziska, Dan (402)336-2051
\$5,268,204.49

Bartlett South
Gr, Culv, Bit
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Ziska, Dan (402)336-2051
\$2,705,230.30

Bartlett North & South
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit
Western Engineering Co., Inc.
Ziska, Dan (402)336-2051
\$2,768,614.82

Key:

Aggregate - Agg
Bituminous - Bit
Bridge - Br
Building - Bldg
Concrete Pavement - ConPav
Culverts - Culv
Electrical - Elec
Grading - Gr
Guardrail - Gdrl
Seeding - Seed

Motorist Assist Program Available in Central Nebraska

In November, during one of the busiest travel holidays of the year, the Central Nebraska Motorist Assist Program (CNMAP) started operations. The program uses volunteer highway helpers to travel Interstate 80 from York to Kearney to assist motorists in need during high traffic times.

Nicknamed "Highway Angels" by grateful motorists, CNMAP is the third motorist assist program put in place through the efforts of NDOR and other major partners. The other two

programs include the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program (MAMAP), based in Omaha, and the Nebraska Motorist Assist Program (NEMAP), based in Lincoln.

Volunteers are trained by the Nebraska State Patrol, which oversees the operation. They help motorists find gas, change a tire, provide jump-starts or transportation to stranded motorists, pick-up hazardous debris, and check and tag abandoned cars. Two volunteers are on duty at a time.

CNMAP is made possible by donations from several community sponsors, including NDOR, the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety and State Farm Insurance.

"This is a true example of what teamwork is all about," said Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns. "Volunteers feel a sense of accomplishment, stranded motorists know help is never more than a few minutes away, and we're saving tax dollars. I can't think of a better combination." ♦

TURF & GARDEN

By Dick Gray
Agronomist



Accent Garden with Ornamental Grasses

Turf - Spring cleanup can begin in earnest later this month. Fescue lawns need to be cleaned up, too. They can be mowed at 2 inches, collect the clippings and add some sunshine. Hold the fertilizer until later in April. Keep your mower at 3 inches for fescue and 2½ inches for bluegrass. Pre-emergent can be applied from April 20 to May 10 for both grasses. Fescue can get a fungus called "Brown Patch," but this is usually caused by heavy shade and/or over fertilization. Fescue will take high traffic, but high-traffic areas on clay soil need to be aerified. Fescue can become a lot like bluegrass in the maintenance of the lawn. Clean up, mow with a sharp blade, aerify, overseed and watch for fungus. However, power raking and insect control are usually not needed. Good luck this summer!!

Trees - Watch your favorite place to buy trees and shrubs and go purchase them as soon as they are off the truck. That is the best condition they are going to be in all season. Mulch your new trees and shrubs with 3 to 4 inches of wood chips or bark mulch and pull the mulch slightly away from the trunk of the trees or shrubs. Need a new shrub for your yard that is a little unique and

attracts birds? Let's make it a Dwarf American Cranberry Viburnum. *Viburnum trilobum Compactum* grows about 5 to 6 feet tall and just as wide. The spring bloom is white and the berries are bright red. The fruit is edible and can be used to make jams and jellies. The leaves start with a reddish tinge changing to a dark green and changing to a yellow through red-purple in the fall. This viburnum is a native plant and hardy here in Nebraska. It prefers a well-drained, moist soil in sun or partial shade. The viburnum description is from the Manual of Woody Landscape Plants by Michael A. Dirr.

Garden - Not much happening yet. Rotate your tomatoes and potatoes in your garden. Try to not plant your tomatoes where you had potatoes last year and the same goes for your potatoes. Want to garden, but do not want to spend all summer watering? Go for the early garden: lettuce, spinach, radishes, cabbage, broccoli, peas, both snap and snow peas, kohlrabi, and beets.

General - Check out the ornamental grasses for accent plants. Try blue fescue for a foreground plant. Giant reed works well for a special wet spot. This one will grow 9 to 25 feet tall with a very stout stalk. It can be seen at the State fairgrounds at the Arboretum just inside the 17th Street entrance. Variegated bulbous oat grass is very striking and only grows 8 to 24 inches in height. It would make a good backdrop for the blue fescue, or dark purple, hot pink, dark blue, or maroon petunias. A dark perennial salvia would work very well with the oat grass. The ornamental grasses fit in with the trend to more perennials for the home flower garden.

Special - For that special summer salad, decorate it with edible flowers. You can choose from bachelor buttons, dianthus, violas and nasturtiums. The nasturtiums are great for fruit salad, and the viola petals can be frozen in ice cubes for that summer lemonade. Enjoy!!

NDOR Events Calendar

— April —

- 1 Project Scheduling Meeting**
8:30-11:30 a.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact Craig Anderson @ 479-4666
- 2 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**
Meeting 8:45 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Examination 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. NDOR Auditorium
Contact Andrew Cunningham @ 479-4569
- 4-10 National Work Zone Awareness Week**
- 8 Letting**
1:30 p.m., NDOR Auditorium
Contact Liz Wunderlich @ 479-4528
- 13 New Employee Orientation Program**
NDOR Central Headquarters
Contact Steve Olson @ 479-3601
- 14 RoadToasters Speechcrafters Course**
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 16 Bd. Public Roads Class & Stds.**
9:00 a.m., NDOR Auditorium
- 16 Hwy. Commission Meeting**
10:00 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Shirley Schafer @ 479-4530
- 22 Earth Day**
- 28 RoadToasters**
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 30 State Holiday – Arbor Day**

— May —

- Motorcycle Awareness Month**
- 1-8 National Safe Kids Week**
- 4-6 Maintenance Conference**
Ramada Inn, Kearney
- 7 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**
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- 12 RoadToasters Speechcrafters Course Graduation**
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
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- 16-22 National Transportation Week**
- 16-22 National Bike-to-Work Week**
- 21 Bd. Public Roads Class & Stds.**
9:00 a.m., NDOR Auditorium
- 21 Hwy. Commission Meeting**
10:00 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Shirley Schafer @ 479-4530
- 24-31 Buckle Up America Week**
- 26 RoadToasters**
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 31 State Holiday – Memorial Day**

— June —

- National Safety Month**
- 5 National Trails Day**
- 8 New Employee Orientation Program**
NDOR Central Headquarters
Contact Steve Olson @ 479-3601
- 9 RoadToasters**
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- 24-25 Hwy. Commission Meeting**
Outstate Meeting – District 7
Contact Shirley Schafer @ 479-4530

If you would like a key event included on upcoming calendars, call the Communication Office 479-4512 or e-mail lwilson@dor.state.ne.us. Information for the June/July Roadrunner should be received by May 14.

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